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Title	: METHOD AND EQUIPMENT	
	: FOR MANAGING INTERACTIONS	
	: IN THE MPEG-4 STANDARD	

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RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Official Action dated December 2, 2009.

Claims 15-19 and 21-29 are pending. No claims have been amended, added, or cancelled.

Claims 15 and 26 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Rejection notes that the term “downstream interaction stream of raw data” is unclear and is not supported by the originally-filed Specification. (See Page 3 of the Office Action of December 2, 2009.)

The Applicants respectfully note that the terms “downstream” and “raw data” are not explicitly introduced in the Specification but that such features are implicit in the disclosure. In particular, the Applicants respectfully refer to paragraphs [0021], [0023], and [0025] as well as Figure 2. These sections of the Specification provide a description of an interaction stream